

Coast Guard Headquarters Move to St. Elizabeths

Accessing St. Elizabeths

Campus Gate Hours

Gate	Time	Personnel
Gate 1	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Pedestrians, cyclists and oversized vehicles
Gate 3*	Monday through Friday 0600 until 1800; expected to open in mid-October	Pedestrians, cyclists
Gate 4	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
Gate 5	Monday through Friday 0600 until 1800	CDC drop off only
Gate 6	Monday through Friday 0600 until 1800	Deliveries and service personnel only

**USCG personnel who travel via Congress Heights Metro station can walk through Gate 3; the Gate 3 tunnel connects East and West campus. A USCG ID is required for access.*

All gates and entrances that are not regularly open 24/7 are closed on federal holidays.

Headquarters Building and Parking Garage Entrance Hours

Entrance	Hours
Ceremonial Entrance lobby	Open 0600 to 1800 Monday through Friday
LL1 lobby	Open 0500 to 1800 Monday through Saturday
LL5 lobby	Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
LL7 lobby	Open 0600 to 1900 Monday through Friday
Garage P6 exit to headquarters building	Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Garage P4 exit to headquarters building	Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Entrance hours may change during the move because of construction issues. Please visit the Updates section on the Coast Guard Headquarters at St. Elizabeths website for the latest information.

By Vehicle

The most efficient way to access St. Elizabeths from either north or south is via I-295.

From I-295N take Exit 3A onto Barry Road S.E. At the stop sign, make a right onto Firth Sterling Avenue S.E. Continue on Firth Sterling to the new access road for Coast Guard Headquarters, which is on your left, after Stevens Road. You've traveled too far if you've passed under the bridge and see the entrance to Bolling Air Force Base.



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If on I-295S, proceed to Suitland Parkway, Exit 3A, toward the U.S. Naval Station. At the first light, make a right onto Firth Sterling Avenue S.E. Continue on Firth Sterling to the new access road for Coast Guard Headquarters, which is on your left, after Stevens Road. You've traveled too far if you've passed under the bridge and see the entrance to Bolling AFB.

If coming from Buzzard Point, head outbound on South Capitol Street S.W. and drive over the Fredrick Douglas Memorial Bridge and bear left. Make a right at the first traffic light onto Firth Sterling Avenue S.E. Continue on Firth Sterling to the new access road for Coast Guard Headquarters, which is on your left, after Stevens Road. Gate 4 is straight ahead.

Most visitors and employees driving to St. Elizabeths will enter through Gate 4, located at the end of the access road on the left. Once through the security gate proceed to the parking garage located immediately on the right.

Parking Garage Level	
Employees	P3 – P6
Vehicles under 6'11"	P3
Vehicles under 7'7"	P4 – P7
Bicycles	P4
Motorcycles	P3 – P6 center of garage
Visitors	P6
Government Vehicles	P7

Use your CAC at the security checkpoint as you leave the garage to access the campus. The Lower Level 5 (LL5) and Lower Level 7 (LL7) entrances provide the closest access from the garage.

Drivers with children in the Child Development Center:

The entrance to the Child Development Center (CDC) is near Gate 5, on the side of the building farthest from the parking garage. Gate 5 is located on the access road before the bus drop-off area and Gate 4. Personnel with children in the CDC can park in the temporary spaces at Gate 5 and use their CAC to access the campus. Once children are dropped off, personnel will return to their vehicles and proceed down the access road through Gate 4, as directed above. Employees with parking passes also have the option of going directly to the garage. Once through security, employees can access the CDC (9AA06-01) from inside the headquarters building via LL9.



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Oversized Vehicles

Oversized vehicles must enter St. Elizabeths through Gate 1 off Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue S.E. and park in designated Oversized Parking Areas. Oversized vehicles are those that are over 7 feet 7 inches in height.

To get to Gate 1 follow the directions above through the turn onto Firth Sterling Avenue S.E. From Firth Sterling make a left onto Sumner Road. Take Sumner Road to the light, and make a right onto Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue S.E. Gate 1 will be on your right.

Oversized Parking Area 1

From Gate 1, proceed left onto Redwood Drive S.E. You'll pass the cafeteria on your left and the historical firehouse on the right. Remain on Redwood past Spruce Street S.E., then Redwood will veer to the right. Continue on Redwood as it loops around to the Oversized Parking Area entrance.

To walk to the Headquarters building from the Oversized Parking Area, exit from the north end of the lot onto Pine Street S.E. Veer right at the fork onto Redwood Drive S.E. At the historical firehouse, turn left onto Birch Street S.E. Use your CAC to access the campus at Interim Gate B. Once through Gate B, stay straight on Birch until it intersects with Cedar Drive. The Lower Level 1 (LL1) building entrance is at this intersection.

Oversized Parking Area 2

From Gate 1, proceed right onto Cedar Drive S.E. You'll pass the Greenhouse and Burroughs Cottage on your right. Remain on Cedar past Golden Raintree Drive, veering left. At the Historical Center Building make a sharp left into the Oversized Parking Area entrance.

Walking from the Cedar Drive S.E. Oversized Parking Area, exit past the entrance of the Historical Center Building, continuing on Cedar Drive S.E. Use your CAC to pass through the security checkpoint at Interim Gate A and veer left onto Cedar Drive. You can enter headquarters on the right via the Ceremonial Entrance or just a few feet further through LL1.

By Metrorail

The closest Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metrorail station to the St. Elizabeths campus is the Anacostia station located on Metro's Green line; L'Enfant Plaza, which hosts the Blue, Orange, Green and Yellow lines, is the closest transfer station to campus.

The Coast Guard will offer bus services for USCG employees between the Anacostia Metro station and the St. Elizabeths campus and limited service via the L'Enfant Plaza station. Coast Guard



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personnel and civilian employees may ride the buses at no cost by showing a CAC. Military IDs will not be honored. Contractors may use the buses for their commute by paying the normal bus fare with cash or SmarTrip card. Contractors may ride the bus for free during the work day if on official business by showing their CAC.

Service begins Aug. 5. Buses will be clearly identified with a sign imprinted “USCG Headquarters.”

The pick-up/drop-off point for Anacostia Metro station will be at Bus Bay G. The typical hours of operation for the A4 bus route will be Monday through Friday, 0530 to 1900. The W9 bus service from L’Enfant Metro station to St. Elizabeths Gate 4 is one-way and will run only during rush hour timeframes. Morning service is only in the direction from L’Enfant Plaza to St. Elizabeths and will pick up on the west side of Seventh Street S.W. near the corner of D Street in front of the GSA building. Afternoon service is only in the direction from St. Elizabeths to L’Enfant Plaza and will drop off at the corner of Seventh Street S.W. and Maryland Avenue S.W.

Buses will transport passengers to a bus drop-off area just outside Gate 4. The drop-off area is approximately 300 yards from the Lower Level 7 (LL7) building entrance via an outdoor walking path. Use your CAC at the Gate 4 Security Gatehouse to access the campus.

Congress Heights Metro Station

Once construction in that area is completed, USCG personnel who travel via Congress Heights Metro station (Green line) will have the option of walking through Gate 3; the Gate 3 tunnel connects East and West campus. A USCG ID is required for access.

Personnel with children in the CDC who use the bus service will walk from the bus drop-off area to Gate 5 and use their CAC to access the campus and the CDC. Employees can then access the headquarters building from the CDC via a door into LL9.

By Bicycle

Gates 1 and 4 can be used to enter the St. Elizabeths campus via bicycle; the closest Coast Guard Headquarters building entrance to the designated bike racks is LL7.

From Gate 1, proceed left onto Redwood Drive S.E. Continue on Redwood until you reach the historical firehouse, where you turn right onto Birch Street S.E. At Interim Gate B, use your CAC to gain access to the campus. Once through Gate B, stay on Birch Street until it intersects with



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Cedar Drive and Ash Street. Turn left onto Ash; the parking garage will be on your left where covered, secure bike racks are located on P4 of the garage.

If entering by bicycle through Gate 4, use your CAC to pass through the Security Gatehouse, then proceed to the parking garage immediately on the right. Covered and secure bike racks are located on P4 of the garage. Use your CAC at the security checkpoint as you leave the garage to access the campus.

By Foot

Those who walk to the St. Elizabeths campus can enter via Gates 1 and 4.

Pedestrians who enter via Gate 1 should proceed left onto Redwood Drive S.E. until they reach the historical firehouse. Veer right onto Birch Street S.E., then use your CAC to access the campus at Interim Gate B. Once through Gate B, stay straight on Birch until it intersects with Cedar Drive. The Lower Level 1 (LL1) building entrance is at this intersection.

When entering via Gate 4, use your CAC to pass through the Security Gatehouse, then continue on Ash Street. There will be two building entrances on your left, Lower Level 7 (LL7) and Lower Level 5 (LL5).

For more information on getting to/from St. Elizabeths please visit the St. Elizabeths transportation page at <http://www.uscg.mil/stelizabeths/transportation/location.asp>.

